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Expedited Procedure Requested
Examining Group. 2861

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Group Art Unit: 2861

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in the above-captioned application.

- Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- A Request for Extension of Time.
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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of April 5, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on July 5, 2006, but to which Applicants are responding by the two-month date of June 5, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Final Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this Response.